Town of Brentwood Budget Committee

Minutes of October 6, 2014

Present: Elyse Seeley (Chair), Bill Faria, John Lyon, Malcolm Allison, Krista Steger, Dianne Vosgien,

School Board Representative (delayed d/t School Board Meeting).

Excused Absence: Jeff Bryan (Selectmen Rep) **Visitors:** Kim Woods, Lisa Swasey, Barbara Zvodar.

Chairperson Elyse Seeley called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

1. Motion to approve draft minutes from April 28, 2014, Malcolm/Bill, Approved, 5-0.

BUDGET STATUS:

Elyse advised we have no current budgets to consider. She provided a schedule from the Board of Selectmen for scheduled budget reviews through the remainder of the year. We will schedule our meetings to review and consider the budgets as appropriate.

APPOINT NEW MEMBER:

3. Barbara Zvodar inquired about the opened position at Town Meeting. We invited her to join us today and express her interest in being on the Budget Committee. After some discussion, motion to appoint Barbara to the Budcom, Bill/Krista, Approved, 5-0. She will be a full participant once sworn in by Town Office. She will need to put her name on the ballot in March to finish out the term.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 4. We have received an email inquiry from Amy Mitchell, School Board representative to the teacher contract negotiating committee, requesting info re: town raises and salaries for the last 3 years. Elyse referred her to Karen.
- 5. Elyse shared a copy of the raises to FICA, Medicare, and NH retirement for our information with the coming budgets. Insurance information is not available at this time. The Selectmen have voted that there will be no COLA's this year, but merit raises will be considered as appropriate.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 6. FYI The Police Department budget may be impacted due to the costs of other town Police Departments covering for us during the period after Office Arkell's death. Greenland immediately came to our aid and was most helpful, as were other towns' police in covering our needs until we were able to resume normal operations.
- 7. Our meeting schedule was set as follows, based on the budget schedule from the Selectmen: November 3, November 17, December 1, and December 15. Other meetings in 2015 may be scheduled as needed, and posted according to NH RSA's.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

7:55 pm Motion to adjourn, Krista/Diane, approved 6-0

Minutes respectfully submitted by William C Faria